

GIBRALTAR'S GUNS SALUTE SQUADRON AS SHIPS APPEAR

Six Vessels of American Fleet Arrive at Pillars of Hercules.

ENGLISH OFFICERS SEND GREETINGS

Town and Fortress Decked Out to Welcome Visitors.

GIBRALTAR, Jan. 31.—Six of the battleships of the American Atlantic fleet arrived off Gibraltar this morning. Salutes were exchanged with the vessels in the harbor and with the fort. A rear admiral's salute was fired when Admiral Sperry's flagship, the Connecticut, dipped her flag to the British ensign flying high on the rock. The port was alive with the firing of the guns of the sixteen American battleships, and there was a general exchange of greetings. Officers of the vessels of the British Mediterranean fleet that were in port exchanged visits and salutations with the American officers. All was gayety in the harbor and crowds of spectators cheered lustily as the American vessels steamed majestically in, headed by the Connecticut, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Sperry, commanding the fleet.

Watched From Shore. The vessels were picked up by many field glasses in the hands of officers in the fortress and on board the ships in the harbor when the Americans were far out in the offing. The word passed around as if by magic, and in the fortress, on the peninsula, in the town and harbor turned out to extend greetings. The fortress was in communication with Admiral Sperry by wireless long before his division had sighted, but apparently this aroused little interest until the news spread that a division of the American fleet had been sighted.

It is probable the high commanding officers of the British land and naval forces will exchange visits with Admiral Sperry late this afternoon. The American vessels anchored to the eastward, off the coal piers. All the other divisions of the fleet are on their way to Gibraltar, and will arrive tomorrow evening at the latest. It will be the first time in history that such a formidable American fleet has been seen in the Mediterranean near the British stronghold.

Scene of Feace. The scene in the harbor today was far from any suggestion of conflict or hostility. It was one of beauty and was suggestive only of the good will of the nations. There will be no official social affairs during the few days' stay of the American fleet. Of course, the officers will entertain one another in so far as the limited opportunities permit. The American vessels excited the admiration of all those who saw them. They appeared in as good shape as if they had been on but a brief shakedown cruise.

Now at Anchor. The battleships Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, and Vermont are anchored in line, and it is understood that the other vessels will take their position in squadron order. The fourth division, under the command of Rear Admiral William P. Potter, is heading Gibraltar, coming from Algiers, on the other side of the Mediterranean. The four vessels in this division, the Wisconsin, Illinois, Kearsarge, and Kentucky, sailed from Algiers yesterday. The battleships Georgia and Nebraska, the former the flagship of Rear Admiral Richard D. Wainwright, will arrive from Tangier, Morocco, for Gibraltar this morning, according to information sent from Admiral Wainwright to Admiral Sperry by wireless. The battleships New Jersey and Rhode Island, which came to Gibraltar from Marseilles, France, will anchor some time this evening. The third division of the fleet under command of Rear Admiral Seson Schroeder is on its way to this port from Negro Bay, Morocco.

The tender Panther and the collier Ajax arrived with Admiral Sperry's division this morning.

Cablegrams to Department Tell of Movement of Ships

Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, received a cipher dispatch this morning (Continued on Second Page.)

WEATHER REPORT.

Cold weather continues east of the Rocky mountains except in New England and the middle Atlantic States. It is especially cold over the South, with freezing temperatures as far down as central Florida. In the Northwest and extreme West temperatures are rising slowly. There has been snow from the Ohio valley and lake region eastward. Cold weather will continue tonight and Monday in the Atlantic States. The weather will be generally fair, except in the Pacific States.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Fair, colder tonight, Monday, fair, continued cold, light to fresh northwest winds.

TEMPERATURE.	
8 a. m.	21
9 a. m.	22
10 a. m.	23
11 a. m.	24
12 noon	25
1 p. m.	26
2 p. m.	27
SUN TABLES.	
Sun rises.....	7:05
Sun sets.....	6:15
TIDE TABLE.	
Today—High tide, 1:10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Low tide, 10:27 a. m. and 11:21 p. m.	
Tomorrow—High tide, 5:15 a. m. and 6:26 p. m. Low tide, 11:26 a. m. and 12:26 p. m.	

SAILORS POISONED BY WOOD ALCOHOL

Three Dead and Ten Dying at Mare Island Navy Yard.

Milk punches made with wood alcohol are responsible for the deaths of three enlisted men stationed in the Mare Island navy yard. Ten others are today in the dangerous list in the navy yard hospital from the same cause. The details are contained in a report received today by Surgeon General Huxley. The sailors discovered a can of liquid rubber cement, intended for use in laying linoleum. They succeeded in precipitating the solution so that the rubber sank, leaving a clear fluid. This was nearly 100 per cent wood alcohol. With milk and sugar they then mixed a wood alcohol cement punch and proceeded to enjoy themselves. Of the ten still alive several are expected to die. One of the sailors told how the thirteen did not believe the solution they had premeditated was anything but pure alcohol, and so could be diluted, and how they mixed the punch with more of the alcohol than milk. During the festivities one of the thirteen commented upon the number in the party, and several were disturbed by the old thirteen superstition. Within half an hour after the party the thirteen were suffering from frightful agonies. Several were thrown into horrible convulsions. Those who survive owe their lives to prompt treatment.

BIG PRIZES OFFERED FOR AERONAUT WORK

Awards Aggregating \$30,000 Will Be Competed for During Summer.

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—The Aero Club of North America has announced that \$30,000 in prizes has been donated for aerial work in the United States. The club expects that more flights than ever will be made this summer, and, according to several prominent aeronauts who gathered in this city, all previous records will be broken. A prize amounting to \$20,000 has been offered by the club to the man who keeps secret until the club has an opportunity to determine the conditions under which the prize should be competed for. Another prize of \$10,000 is offered by a New York newspaper.

MANY ARE RESCUED BY AGILE FIREMEN

Department Men Rout Out Slumbering Tenement Residents During Early Blaze.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Fire in a tenement house early this morning resulted in a panic among the occupants. The escape from death of all of them is regarded as most fortunate. A boy called the attention of a man nearby to smoke issuing from side windows of the house and the latter promptly turned in a fire alarm. The apparatus responded quickly, but before it reached the scene the building was in flames. The firemen rushed into the burning structure and dragged men and women from their beds. Fortunately none jumped and rapid work by the firemen prevented any loss of life. The fire was caused by a defective fuse.

TAFT MADE MEMBER OF TIPECANOE CLUB

Unanimously Elected on Roll of Leading Ohio Political Organization.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 31.—William Howard Taft, President-elect of the United States, was proposed for membership in Tippecanoe Club last evening and unanimously elected. The Tippecanoe Club is the leading Republican club in the State. Among its members are Nicholas Longworth and Congressman Burton.

Visit of Deposed Sultan Near Complicates Things

TANGIER, Jan. 31.—Abdul-Asiz, the deposed Sultan of Morocco, almost involved the United States in a diplomatic incident today by making a visit to the warships Georgia and Nebraska, now at anchor in the harbor, thus placing the officers in the position of receiving him before they received the officials of the present government. It was only when the United States commanders explained that the ex-sultan's visit was entirely without political significance that the adherents of Mulai Hafid were satisfied.

NO MORE AUTO RIDES FOR ARMY MEN HERE

Secretary Wright, Friend of the Horse, Thinks Carriages Suitable For Needs of Officers Sojourning in the Capital.

Army officers who have been spinning around the streets of Washington in motor cars furnished by the War Department have struck a snag. Secretary Wright does not approve of the automobile from an economic point of view, and, after an investigation, he has determined to eliminate them. The only survivor of the order, which will be issued within a few days, will be the military surgeon, who answers sick calls from officers stationed in Washington. Early in his administration Secretary Wright expressed a wish to know the cost of maintenance of two motor cars, which had been purchased for the use of the army in this city. Investigation was made for his information and the report showed that the expense in the way of repairs was considerable. The Secretary came to the conclusion that the needs of the situation are fully met by horses and carriages, and that the cost of maintenance of automobiles is not justified, at least, in Washington. In the future it must be shown that an automobile is absolutely imperative before the Secretary will sanction its use.

STAND OF HUGHES BOMB TO LEADERS

His "Smash Party Lines" Declaration Creates Consternation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—"Smash party lines," the new slogan of Governor Hughes made public in his speech at the Lotus Club banquet last night, has set the politicians by the ears again. To say that the governor surprised his audience would be putting it mildly. "It is primarily essential for the people to have faithful representatives in all branches of the Government," he declared. "Representatives are responsible to their constituents alone. I have never asked a single member of the State Government in whatever capacity he has been to surrender his convictions to me." "I want to see the time come when citizens will not feel it necessary to cling to party lines. I want to see the methods of the black list and boycott in connection with political parties done away with, and I want to see the progress and prosperity of the State, and if time shall show that my position is correct it does not matter to me what the temporary outcome of the dispute is."

G. O. P. LEADER DOESN'T APPROVE

Fred Greimer, of Buffalo, Says "Boiler Plate" Newspaper Service Should Be Stopped.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 31.—"There's one thing I don't approve of," said Republican leader Fred Greimer, on his return from Albany and Washington, this morning, "and that is the 'boiler plate' newspaper stuff I understand is now being sent out to the Republican papers and which is being circulated in opposition to Governor Hughes. "State Chairman Woodruff is said to favor direct nominations yet this stuff is all contrary to those views. "It strikes me that Mr. Woodruff, as chairman of the Republican State committee, should see to it that this is stopped at once."

TENEMENT WRECKED BY BOMB EXPLOSION

Outrage in Philadelphia Italian Colony Causes Injury to Several.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31.—Several persons were injured, doors were blown off their hinges, six-inch brick walls shattered, fences thrown into the street, and all the window panes in half a block were broken by an explosion of a dynamite bomb, under a rear doorway of the three-story brick business and tenement building at 440-442 Christian street, in the heart of the Italian settlement, shortly before 1 o'clock this morning.

The building was formerly occupied by the unfortunate banking firm of Pomeroy & Morell, which went out of business a short time ago. The place was soon to be occupied as a bank by Alfredo Scallafila. In the rear of the building, which is divided by the two-foot and a half alley, is a court filled with eight houses, and all of them occupied by families. The upper floors of the dynamited buildings are used as tenements.

CUPID SLIGHTS STATE. ALBANY, Jan. 31.—There was a decision of 2000 in the number of marriages in New York State during the past year under the new marriage license law. The explanation given is that fewer couples from adjoining States are coming into New York to be married, many of them going to New Jersey. The number of marriages in 1907 was 56,216; in 1908, 74,690.

TRANSFER OF CONVICTS.

LANSING, Kan., Jan. 31.—Nine coaches composing a special train to convey the Oklahoma prisoners from the Kansas State Penitentiary here to McAlester, Vinita and Atoka, Okla., where they will be incarcerated in the county jails, left Lansing at noon today. The convicts, numbering in all 31, sixteen of whom are women, were shackled together in pairs, these inclined to be unruly chained in groups.

PRESENT FROM KAISER.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—Emperor William has presented to the American Church Library a volume de luxe of the "Hilf der Warburg" written by Herr Baumgarten and dedicated to King Edward. The Emperor has asked the book to be translated into English by Dr. Grear, of London.

ELOPE FROM ROANOKE.

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 31.—Isaac Parks, aged director, of Bankett, Russell county, and Miss Minnie Campbell, one year older, of Elk Garden, eloped to Welch, W. Va., where they were married. The bride is a daughter of W. M. Campbell, of Elk Garden, one of the most prominent farmers in the Southwest.

"JELLY FISH" RUSSELL OPENS NEW CHURCH

"Hell on Earth, But None Hereafter," Is Chief Doctrine of Preacher Who Gained Notoriety in His Wife's Suit For Divorce.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 31.—More than 500 enthusiasts crowded the church built and owned by Charles T. Russell and opened at 17 Hicks street here today, to attend the dedication exercises. The morning services consisted of the introduction of Mr. Russell to the congregation by B. W. Barton, of Philadelphia. An old-fashioned prayer meeting ended the ceremonies and in the afternoon, the "pastor" preached on "the house of God—the gate of heaven." The building was elaborately fixed up inside with all sorts of kaleidoscopic effects in carpets. It will be known as the Brooklyn Tabernacle and will be used by Russell for his own ideas the chief text of which is that there is "hell on earth, but none hereafter." Mr. Russell, who is wealthy, acquired notoriety in Allegheny, Pa., in 1899 when his wife sued for divorce giving him the sobriquet of "Jelly Fish." "A man's heart is so big he can love a dozen women, while a woman's heart is so small she can't love but one man." Such was "Pastor" Russell's domestic creed, according to his wife, Maria Frances Russell. Her particular objection, however, was that her husband, the "Jelly Fish," had kissed, not wisely, but too well, a certain Rosa Bell, his ward, who was engaged in the Russell home at Allegheny as a companion. Russell, himself, according to his wife, was responsible for the characterization "Jelly Fish." "I am like a jelly fish," Russell was alleged to have said to the protesting Rosa. "I float all around and touch this one and that, and if they respond, I embrace them."

He then opened a letter to the "ministers and Bible students" of greater New York, he says, in part: "The growing scepticism regarding God and the Bible we find is generally the outgrowth of a misunderstanding of the Bible's teaching respecting hell. No sane man can be blamed for rejecting the doctrine of hell, but the few who would hear of Christ and become saints. The pastor says he does not believe in hell, but he certainly is not by converting the heathen."

MACFARLAND PUTS IT UP TO COMMITTEE

Continuance of Gas Fight Rests With It, He Declares.

"The District Commissioners have no money with which to pursue this investigation of the gas question and give Washington cheaper and better gas. The House Committee on the District of Columbia can come to the rescue. It can summon witnesses and it can pay them, and there is no reason why this investigation should stop simply because the Commissioners were not allowed money for the purpose." This statement was made today by Henry B. MacFarland, president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia. "The committee, I believe, is disposed to do this, judging from the expressions of individual members," he added. Up to Committee.

The Commissioner thus flatly put it up to the committee. When Representative Samuel W. Smith returned to the city he will be asked about the employment of experts in behalf of the city, that the city may engage in the fight on as nearly equal terms with the company as the late date will permit. "The cost of bringing here gas experts of the first rank is prohibitive. It is figured that E. W. Bemis, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. Alton B. Adams, of Worcester, Mass., would cost \$100 a day and expenses. Were they to enter into the cost to the Washington Gas Company of installing apparatus for the manufacture of coal gas, and the cost of manufacturing and preserving the gas, which it is desired should be done, the cost would undoubtedly be heavy."

"It is my understanding that the House Committee on the District of Columbia has decided that an appropriation for the specific purpose will be necessary," said District Counsel Thomas this morning. Little Hope of Change. "Personally, I see very little prospect of the law being changed at this session of Congress; at least, I cannot see how it can be changed under the present provisions the city has to offer," he continued.

Several of the committee members have told me that they thought the matter of such great importance that they ought to get into the movement, and that an appropriation for the specific purpose will be necessary," said District Counsel Thomas this morning. "Personally, I see very little prospect of the law being changed at this session of Congress; at least, I cannot see how it can be changed under the present provisions the city has to offer," he continued.

MUST GIVE UP GUN. WILKESBARE, Pa., Jan. 31.—Judge Fuller has imposed a unique sentence on Stanislaw Siedelski, who confessed that he had accidentally shot and killed a fellow-countryman, Louis Plach. The judge, after reading a lecture to the prisoner about carrying firearms, ordered him to take the pledge to abstain from strong drink and throw his revolver into the Susquehanna river. He was then discharged from custody.

BURGLARS PAY VISIT TO BACHELOR GIRLS

Now the Maidens Are Converted and Believe a Man Is a Necessary Adjunct to a Household.

Desk Sergeant's Advice. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Bachelor life was ideal in the minds of the Misses Florence M. Pratt and Effie Macfarland until this morning when they came to the conclusion that man is a necessary adjunct to any household. They always slept together in their cozy bachelor apartments, at 25 Delaware avenue, never dreaming that any burglar would be so impudent as to enter the sacred domain.

Last night Miss Pratt says she was awakened by a feeling that some stranger was in the room. She nudged her fellow bachelor girl, and the latter awoke. As they lay out a scream in unison, the burglar plunged through a window taking with him \$100 worth of jewelry.

The girls did not learn of the loss until after daybreak, but they saw the man go through the window. Fearing to move, they huddled together and after many weary, restless hours fell again into the arms of slumber. They were not asleep long before Miss Pratt was awakened by some one making a noise near the bed. She screamed at the top of her voice and another burglar was seen to make his escape through another window with an armful of furniture.

This time the girls kept up their screaming until several men whose families occupy apartments in the building came to their rescue.

It was too late to catch the burglar, and the police were notified with little clue on which to work.

The girls asked the police if they could not have a regular alarm installed, connecting their apartments with the police station.

A good big husky husband is the best alarm to install, suggested the desk sergeant with a smile.

ILL-FATED VESSEL STILL A MYSTERY

Nothing Found to Identify Ship Which Sank Off Norfolk.

NOW DEPEND UPON OVERDUE REPORTS

Shipping Concerns With Steamers Out Are Anxious—Was Evidently American Boat.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 31.—Thirty-six hours after the foundering of a big freight steamer off Diamond Shoals, lightship her identity is still unknown. Not a survivor has been picked up, and not the slightest piece of wreckage has been discovered by the searching parties. It will not be many days before a report of "overdue" will locate her name, but the details of the awful struggle with the gale and the complete list of victims will probably never be known, for if the crew was picked up, it would have been known by now. All this morning wireless reports from the revenue cutter Onondaga to the lightship and to Cape Hatteras station were overheard by the DeForest operator here, and all added to the mystery. Search Fruitless. Yesterday afternoon, all last night with searchlights, and all this morning, the Onondaga has been cruising around the spot where the freighter sank, in the hope of picking up some boatload of survivors, or at least some wreckage with the name of the ill-fated vessel. The wireless operator on the Onondaga frequently reported that thus far not the least bit of wreckage had been discovered, and he surmised that everything aboard the stranger must have been securely fastened down. This may mean, also, that the crew had ample warning of the impending disaster and were able to launch the life boats, which were not launched, so high were the seas running. Descriptions of the unknown indicate that she was probably an American vessel. She had houses on her deck, her funnels were black, and she was bound North.

GOES INSANE, EATS HIS RAILWAY TICKET

Baltimore Man in New Orleans Also Tries to Consume Hat, When Authorities Interfere.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31.—While on his way to his home in Baltimore after an absence of twenty years, James G. Cox, fifty years old, a machinist, became suddenly demented here today, and ate his railroad ticket. The police say that he was also on the point of eating his hat when they interfered, and removed him to the home of detention for inquiry into his sanity. He says he was paralyzed about a year ago, and the affliction has evidently affected his mind, and he has some extent as well as his memory. The authorities say that the Southern Pacific will have to take him back to Arizona as his relatives in Baltimore fail to come to his rescue. Cox says that two brothers, John A. and Marion Cox, also live in Baltimore.

SUSPECT FOUL PLAY.

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 31.—Warren Morris, the sixteen-year-old son of the Rev. J. M. Morris, who resides in the county, just outside the city limits, disappeared from his home January 12, and his relatives in Baltimore fail to come to his rescue. Cox says that two brothers, John A. and Marion Cox, also live in Baltimore.

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WASHINGTON FARES WELL AT THE HANDS OF THE STORM KING

Capital's Cold Wave Mild Compared to Blizzard Elsewhere.

FIERCE GALES RAGE IN NORTH AND WEST

Even in Far South Mercury Takes Big Drop—Colder Weather Promised Tonight.

Freezing, blustering weather as it is, Washington is escaping better than almost every other section of the country. Tonight it is to be colder still, but even then the District of Columbia can have no complaint, considering the reports which came from all parts of the United States. To the North and West there is piercing cold, gales of wind, and snow in storms ranging in violence from "the worst since 1872" in the Northwest to light snow which hampers street traffic in New York and Boston.

To the south, the unusual condition prevails of much greater severity of cold than in Washington. In Atlanta this morning the thermometer was down to 3 degrees, while at the corresponding hour Washington figures were 21.

WRECKS REPORTED.

Reports of wrecks on the Atlantic coast and on the lakes are already coming in, as a result of the gales; a blizzard in some quarters and a gale in others, scores of people are now known to have been frozen to death in various places in the North, while several passenger trains, with hundreds of people aboard, are still snow-bound in the Northwest, with all traffic completely stopped. The extent of the storm can be gathered from two reports, one that a schooner wrecked on the rocks at Scituate, Mass., broke up this morning, and the other that a car ferry arrived this morning in Milwaukee two days overdue on a trip that ordinarily takes only five hours.

At the Weather Bureau this noon the following prediction was given for the District of Columbia: "Fair and colder tonight; fair and continued cold tomorrow; light to moderate northwest winds."

Covers Whole Country.

Reports received at the Bureau during the night and this morning all agree that this has been a disastrous spell of weather to the country. The low temperature all through the South covers even Texas, where the mercury went below freezing point this morning. Washington's figure of 22, at 8 o'clock this morning, was an unusually high one among all the cities of the country, and was explained by the fact that the heavy clouds protected the city from the clearing of the skies this afternoon means colder weather tonight.

On the shores of Superior, in Canada, were recorded the lowest figures this morning, 23 degrees below zero. For tonight and tomorrow the Weather Bureau predicts fair, except in the Pacific States. The cold weather is to continue all through the Atlantic States and the lake region, while in the West and upper lake region the mercury is due to rise somewhat.

Many Destitute Fed.

The man who wants work but can't get it, and the hobo who can get work but doesn't want it, met on common ground today when the cold snap drove them into the missions and other shelters for the homeless and unfortunate. Hot coffee and rolls served to level all differences of station in life or opinion on whether or not work was made to work.

The so-called bread lines were unusually large. The Salvation Army headquarters on Pennsylvania avenue, the Central Union Mission, and the Municipal Lodging House were all taxed to the limit of their capacity.

Representative William S. Greene of Massachusetts will lead the services tonight at the Union Mission. He will discuss the cause and effect of the recent revival movement in his home State.

FORCE OF BLIZZARD BROKEN IN THE WEST

Storm Leaves Widespread Devastation—Five Trains Reported Lost.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—The middle West after suffering death and personal injuries, delayed railway traffic, and demoralized telegraph and telephone service, sleet and snow for three days is beginning to resume life and cheerfulness. The blizzard which was one of the most extended and the fastest travelers in the records of the Weather Bureau, converged upon this section from the west and northwest and left a trail of destruction in its wake, but it was driven by a gale that amounted to a hurricane at times and today the fog end of it is covering almost the Atlantic coast from New England to Florida. Train schedules are still far from normal. Omaha reported this morning